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Request for Permission to Release General Information on NPP/NPOESS

With reference to the ongoing negotiation for an operational service contract between Kongsberg Satellite Services (KSAT) and Raytheon and based on the agreed Terms and Conditions (T & C, *CLAUSE NO. 14 - DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION*), KSAT will hereby request permission to release general purpose information about our involvement in the program.

We are aware of the requirement for Northrop Grumman/Raytheon approval before any release of program specific information. To simplify the approval process, KSAT will like to apply for a general approval to use information that are already available to the general public.

We will use the information in general presentations and other information material. Information of any technical specification or details of system designs or any other operational concepts will not be disclosed. The information shall be limited to:

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- Description of NSC and KSATs relationship with NOAA and the IPO
- KSATs role in the NPP/NPOESS systems as a ground station service provider
- Reference to the fact that IPO/NOAA and their contractors Northrop Grumman and Raytheon will be using the Svalbard Satellite Station for ground support for NPP/NPOESS
- Conceptual description on how ground station operability reduces risks and cost

As an example of language based on the above statements, text like the following may be used:

” The Svalbard Satellite Station has become the leading ground station for polar orbiting satellites, and its position was strengthened in 2002 when the

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Integrated Program Office (IPO) selected the site as the sole ground station for the NPP/NPOESS series of satellites. By this Svalbard will be the main site for reception of meteorological data for the next decade. Six large antennas are ready to serve the users of the site. ”

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We hope that this request for permission to release general-purpose information based on public knowledge can be approved.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further clarifications. We are looking forward to your positive response.

Kongsberg Satellite Services

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Rolf Skatteboe
President

Changes made by Bill Sun, Northrop Grumman Subcontract Manager, September 16, 2003.

Deleted: In addition, we will request permission to use information generally made available in presentations made by the IPO and Northrop Grumman/Raytheon and information published on the Internet. Examples (the list is not exhaustive) of the latter are:

<http://jointmission.gsfc.nasa.gov/>
<http://www.ipo.noaa.gov/>
<http://npoess.noaa.gov/>
<http://npoess.noaa.gov/index.html>
<http://www.ball.com/aerospace/npp.html>
<http://www.ball.com/aerospace/npoess.html>
<http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov/Program/presentation.htm>
<http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov/Maxi-2002/album/presentationList.html>
<http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov/>

Sample presentations may be as indicated below:

<#>2002 Nelson-Cunningham paper –
<#>http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov/Release_d_papers/AMS_2002_Paper_3.1_NPOES_S-Nelson.pdf
<#>2002 MAXI review –
<#><http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov/Maxi-2002/album/presentationList.html>
<#>TRW-Raytheon presentation at 2002 MAXI –
<http://npoesslib.ipo.noaa.gov/Maxi-2002/album/day3/3-0815-TRW-Raytheon.ppt>